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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/824,948	Applicant(s) LEHMANN ET AL.	
	Examiner Yonel Beaulieu	Art Unit 3661	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-39 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-39 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 15 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Specification

Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means," "**comprising**," and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 9, 24, and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claims 9 and 25, "any combination thereof" renders the claims indefinite because it is unclear how many of the recited limitation(s) would be part of the claimed invention. See MPEP § 2173.05(d).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 – 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Moroto et al. (US 4,954,959).

Regarding claims 1 - 6, 10 – 12, 18 - 23, 27 - 29, 35, and 36, Moroto et al. teaches a database system for a navigation device, comprising: a first database comprising at least first data (device 16); a second database comprising at least second data independent of the first data (second device 17 is independent of device 16); where the first data comprises street information (from standard map data) and the second data comprises location information (individual guidance data); a working memory unit comprising a first memory area and a second memory area (items 16 and 17 are dedicated storage media with data sets), where the first data is stored in the first memory area and the second data is stored in the second memory area; and a processing unit (4; note col. 2, line 58 – col. 3, line 2; col. 4, line 58 – col. 5, line 28 at least). Moroto's teaching is a global positioning navigational system comprising a GPS receiver (10; see fig. 1 at least) that provides geographical position data to a navigation device (col. 4, lines 47 – 54 at least) and providing/presenting (displaying on item 5; fig. 1) the data (col. 5, lines 35 – 41 at least).

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Regarding claims 7, 8, 24, and 25, Moroto's system supports location information relating to hotels, restaurants, monuments, events, sport stadiums, schools, hospitals, buildings (landmarks) data relating to traffic signals or signage, restrictions in the direction of a street, "no passing" limitations, and road-related weather conditions (col. 4, line 58 – col. 5, line 28 and lines 35 – 57; col. 7, lines 7 – 16; and col. 10, lines 10 – 35 at least).

Regarding claims 9 and 26, Moroto's teaching includes Points of Interest (col. 3, lines 12 – 15 and col. 5, lines 63 – 68 at least).

Regarding claims 13, 14, 30, and 31, Moroto's teaching further supports Random Access Memory (RAM) – (col. 5, lines 35 – 62 at least).

Regarding claims 15 – 17 and 32 – 34, Moroto's teaching supports a third database comprising blocks of data/index (note item 19).


Regarding claims 37 – 39, Moroto's teaching further supports identifying the location information according to a predetermined requirement (the predetermined requirement being based upon GPS signal reception; col. 4, lines 47 – 54 at least).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yonel Beaulieu whose telephone number is (571) 272-6955. The examiner can normally be reached on M-W 9-3; F 9-4.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas BLACK can be reached on (571) 272-6956. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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